

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CHRIS RYDER,

VERIFIED ANSWER

Plaintiff,

Docket No.: 12-cv-06875-CS

-against-

TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, INC., TRUE VALUE
HARDWARE COMPANY, NATIONAL, LUX
PRODUCTS, INC., VILLAGE HARDWARE, INC.,
C.P.C. LOGISTICS, INC., EME NEVADA, INC.,
PENSKE TRUCK LEASING, INC., MICROCHIP
TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND TRUE VALUE
DISTRIBUTION, INC.,

Defendants.

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The defendant, **EME NEVADA, INC.**, by its attorneys, **MARKS, O'NEILL, O'BRIEN
& COURTNEY, P.C.**, answering the Complaint of the plaintiff herein, respectfully alleges
upon information and belief:

A. INTRODUCTION

Parties

Jurisdiction

Venue

Prefatory

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each
and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“1”

2. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint
designated as follows:

“2”

Venue and Lawful Jurisdiction

3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated as follows:

“3” AND “4”

and respectfully refers all questions of law raised therein to the trial court but admit defendant, **EME NEVADA, INC.**, is a Nevada corporation.

4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated as follows:

“5”, “6” AND “7”

and respectfully refers all questions of law raised therein to the trial court.

5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“8”

GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. In response to paragraph “9” of plaintiff’s Complaint, defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response to paragraph “1” through “8” of the Complaint heretofore made with the same force and effect as if fully set forth at length herein.

7. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“10”

except admits defendant, **EME NEVADA, INC.**, contracts to provide the product in question to LUX PRODUCTS, INC..

8. In response to paragraph **“11”** of plaintiff's Complaint, defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response to paragraph **“1”** through **“10”** of the Complaint heretofore made with the same force and effect as if fully set forth at length herein.

9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“12”

and specifically states the product was not designed for the use contemplated by plaintiff.

10. In response to paragraph **“13”** of plaintiff's Complaint, defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response to paragraph **“1”** through **“12”** of the Complaint heretofore made with the same force and effect as if fully set forth at length herein.

11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated as follows:

“14”, “15”, “16”, “17”, “18”, “20”, “21”, “22”, “23”, “24”, “26” AND “29”

12. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“19”

and specifically states the unit does not have a history of failing when used for appropriate purposes.

13. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“25”

and denies the validity of the conclusion of the laboratory test referred to.

14. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“27”

15. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“28”

and denies Sentry Insurance is the insurer of the answering defendant.

16. In response to paragraph **“30”** of plaintiff's Complaint, defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response to paragraph **“1”** through **“29”** of the Complaint heretofore made with the same force and effect as if fully set forth at length herein.

CAUSES OF ACTION

17. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated as follows:

“31”, “32”, “34”, “35” AND “36”

18. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the Complaint designated as follows:

“33”

and specifically states the plaintiff used the product for an unintended and unexpected purpose.

19. In response to paragraph “37” of plaintiff’s Complaint, defendant repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every response to paragraph “1” through “36” of the Complaint heretofore made with the same force and effect as if fully set forth at length herein.

20. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of the Complaint designated as follows:

“38” AND SECOND PARAGRAPH NUMBERED “38”

**AS AND FOR A FIRST SEPARATE AND
COMPLETE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

21. That any damages, injury and/or injuries sustained by plaintiff was caused in whole or part by the culpable conduct and fault attributable to the plaintiff, including, but not limited to, contributory negligence and/or want of care, and/or the plaintiff assumption of the risk, and the amount recovered, if any, should be diminished pursuant to CPLR 1412 by the proportion which the culpable conduct attributed to the plaintiff bear to the culpable conduct which caused the damages, if any.

**AS AND FOR A SECOND SEPARATE AND
COMPLETE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

22. That any award recovered by plaintiff must be reduced by the receipt of collateral source payments.

**AS AND FOR A THIRD SEPARATE AND
COMPLETE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

23. The liability of this answering defendant is limited by law under the terms of Article Sixteen of the CPLR.

**AS AND FOR A FOURTH SEPARATE AND
COMPLETE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

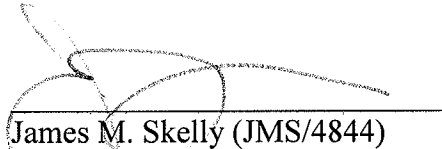
24. The plaintiff used the subject product for an unintended and unexpected purpose.

WHEREFORE, defendant, **EME NEVADA, INC.**, demands judgment against the plaintiff as follows:

- (a) dismissing plaintiff's Complaint, together with the costs and disbursements of this action; and
- (b) in the alternative, and in the event that plaintiff prevails, the defendant, **EME NEVADA, INC.**, demands judgment determining the respective percentages of fault on the part of the plaintiff, thereby reducing the amount of damages as against the defendant, **EME NEVADA, INC.**, by the respective percentage of fault of the plaintiff.

Dated: Elmsford, New York
October 31, 2012

By:


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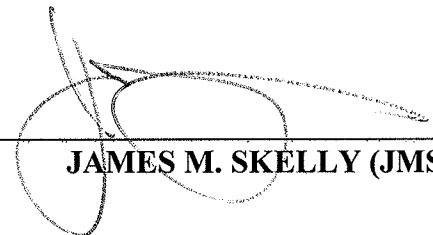
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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

The undersigned, under the penalties of perjury, affirms:

That he is **JAMES M. SKELLY**, a member of the firm of **MARKS, O'NEILL, O'BRIEN & COURTNEY, P.C.**, that he has read the foregoing papers and the same are true to his knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true; that the grounds and sources of such belief are matters contained in this firm's file, as well as conferences had between this affirmant and representatives of the defendant; and that the reason this affirmation is not made by the party is that said party is not in the county where affirmant has his office.

Dated: Elmsford, New York
October 31, 2012



JAMES M. SKELLY (JMS/4844)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

MARTHA AGIS, being duly sworn, deposes and says: deponent is not a party to this action, is over 18 years of age and resides in Pearl River, New York.

On the 1st day of November, 2012 deponent served the within **VERIFIED ANSWER** upon the parties herein stated below, by depositing and mailing same in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid thereon, in an official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, at the following addresses:

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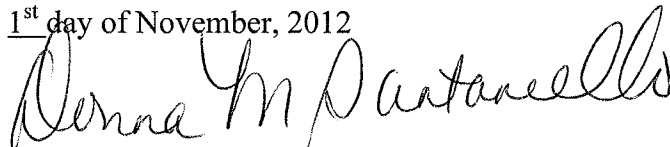
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MARTHA AGIS

Sworn to before me on the
1st day of November, 2012



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